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SUBJECT: ADOPTION BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OF TWO EL SALVADORAN
POLITICAL PRISONERS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION
"EL SALVADOR: CASE STUDIES, JULY 1976-DECEMBER 1977" (DATED
27 JANUARY 1978) DOES NOT LIST JOSE EFRAIN AREVALO CUELLAR
AMONG ITS 62 CASE STUDIES OF PRISONERS WHOSE DETENTION
HAS NOT BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE GOES. IN ITS REPORT ON
EFRAIN AREVALO IBARRA (PP. 21-22), THE PUBLICATION STATES THAT
SHORTLY AFTER NOVEMBER 11, 1977, JOSE EFRAIN AREVALO CUELLAR
"WAS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL. HE HAD BEEN SEVERELY
BEATEN AND TORTURED." THE ITEM ALSO STATES THAT HE WAS
ARRESTED ON OCTOBER 26, 1977.

2. ACCORDING TO FEBRUARY 3, 1978 EDITION OF OPPOSITION "LA
CRONICA DEL PUEBLO", THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION CARLOS ANTONIO
HERRERA REBOLLO PROMISED LEADERS OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
"ANDES 21 DE JUNIO" THAT HE WOULD TRY THROUGH THE OFFICE
OF TEACHERS' WELFARE (IN HIS MINISTRY) TO HAVE ANY
LEGAL CASES THAT MIGHT BE PENDING AGAINST EFRAIN AREVALO IBARRA
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AND MANUEL RIVERA TRANSFERRED BY THE GOES TO THE APPROPRIATE
LEGAL TRIBUNALS. ACCORDING TO SAME PAPER, JERONIMO PRUDENCIO
GOMEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF TEACHERS' WELFARE HAD PREVIOUSLY
INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO SEEK THE RELEASE OF AREVALO AND RIVERA
AND TO REINSTATE THEM IN THEIR JOBS ONCE THEY WERE RELEASED.
THESE TWO ACTIONS APPARENTLY HAD NO EFFECT AND THE AUTHORITIES
CONTINUED TO DENY HOLDING THEM.

3. THE FEBRUARY 21, 1978 EDITION OF "LA CRONICA DEL PUEBLO" CARRIED AN AD PAID FOR BY ANDES. THE AD CONTAINED A COPY OF A LETTER (DATED FEBRUARY 14, DUIL SENT TO PRESIDENT ROMERO BY JOHN M. THOMPSON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF WORLD CONFEDERATION OF ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION (CMOPE), HEADQUARTERED IN SWITZERLAND. THE LETTER SET FORTH CMOPE'S "PREOCCUPATION" OVER THE FATE OF EFRAIN AREVALO IBARRA AND MANUEL ALBERTO RIVERA AND ASKED FOR PRESIDENT ROMERO'S "PERSONAL INTERVENTION" TO RELEASE THE TWO AND HAVE THEIR POLITICAL AND WORKERS' RIGHTS RESPECTED. THIS, TOO, HAD NO EFFECT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON EFRAIN AREVALO IBARRA. ARTICLES AND ADS ON HIM AND RIVERA CONTINUE TO APPEAR FROM TIME TO TIME IN "LA CRONICA DEL PUEBLO". BASED ON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S OWN INFORMATION OR LOCAL PRESS PUBLICITY ON CASE, EMBASSY ASSUMES, BUT CANNOT CONFIRM, THAT JOSE EFRAIN AREVALO CUELLAR AS DISTINCE FROM EFRAIN AREVALO IBARRA IS NOT IN ALLEGED GOES CUSTODY.
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